

ABOUT

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YOUR ATTENTION

FROM

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Jan. 16th, 1947.

1. Labour Leaders Will Combat Racial Discrimination.

Conversations were held in Ottawa with the officials of the Canadian Congress of Labour and of the Trades and Labour Congress. The labour relations program material which we had lined up has been placed before them to ascertain to what extent organized labour is prepared to cooperate in carrying out our plans to combat racial discrimination. Mr. A.E. Mosher, President of the Canadian Congress of Labour assured us of the closest cooperation of his organization; he advised us that his organization and he personally were prepared to endorse any of the material which we intended to use. He also agreed to arrange for the distribution to his entire membership of our material with a covering sponsoring letter issued over his own signature and to make a number of radio addresses if desired. Mr. Mosher stated that labour was vitally interested in combatting racial discrimination, but, unfortunately, the leadership was absorbed of late in other problems even more pressing and consequently was a little slow in implementing the resolutions passed at a recent convention to combat racial discrimination. Under the circumstances, he said, the work which the Canadian Jewish Congress is planning to do, is very much appreciated. Several other officials of the Congress of Labour have also assured us of their personal interest, enthusiasm and cooperation. The secretary-Treasurer of the Trades and Labour Congress was also very enthusiastic about our proposed program and assured us of the cooperation of his organization in its implementation. He undertook to obtain a statement from the President of the Trades and Labour Congress on the necessity of combatting racial discrimination; to arrange for the endorsement of our material by the Trades and Labour Congress; to arrange for the distribution of our cartoons and posters and to send out a covering sponsoring letter with our material. He suggested that the American material that we cannot adapt could be distributed in the name of American International Trade Unions which operate in this country.

2. Inner Executive Meeting.

The Montreal members of the national executive met on January 15th and discussed the \$2,000,000 overseas relief quota, appointment of a liaison officer in Paris, invitation to the conference of the DP's on February 15th, SOS program, Commission on Human Rights meetings and representations to Council of Foreign Ministers, Solon Low's speech over C.B.C., studies of criminal law, matzohs rebate, citizenship mass ceremony, publication of the "History of the Jews in Canada" in Yidish and Youth Division problems.

3. Joint Defence Appeal Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jos. H. Fine, chairman of the Eastern Region, Joint Public Relations Committee, who attended the Joint Defence Appeal Conference in St. Louis, stated that the conference was by and large devoted to problems of fund-raising and stimulation of welfare funds to allocate large sums. It discussed ways and means of raising

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\$5,000,000 for the purported needs of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. Nothing new was presented to the meeting. All the techniques used by both organizations were indicated as requiring funds to implement. Nothing was said at the meeting with which we were not fully familiar before the conference started. No Ideas, programs or projects were divulged at the meeting.

4. J.D.C. Fully Responsible for Children in France.

In a recent communication received from the JDC the statement is made that all of the children brought into France are turned over to one organization or another and the financial responsibility rests with the JDC. Children turned over to the Children's Rescue Committee of the Vaad Hatzala are also fully maintained by the JDC. The work of the Council of organizations in France is integrated with the JDC emigration program in France.

5. Central Region Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the executive of our Central Region which was held on January 2nd several matters of local interest were traversed such as the establishment of a Jewish vocational agency in Toronto, request of the B'nai B'rith Ladies Auxiliary in connection with the clothing collection, office premises, teachers for Ontario communities and Societies Division.

6. Montreal Youth Council

The Jewish Youth Council in Montreal which functions as the local Congress Youth Division met on January 12th. Reports were given on cultural activities and World Federation of Democratic Youth and plans were discussed for future activities and amendments to the Council constitution. The council includes representatives of 16 different youth groups, including, A.Z.A., Y.M.H.A., Y.W.H.A., Zionist groups, and U.J.P.O.

7. Jewish Edition of "History of the Jews in Canada".

The Inner Executive approved in principle the recommendation to sponsor the publication of the "History of the Jews in Canada" by B.G. Sack in Yidish. We are gathering information as to the costs and effort which will be required for this project. We shall also provide stenographic assistance to Mr. B.G. Sack for the second volume of the book.

8. Rabbi Eisen to Represent Congress at DP Conference in Munich.

Rabbi J. Eisen of our overseas staff is being asked to absent himself from his regular duties for a few days and proceed to Munich where on February 15th a convention of the liberated Jews in Germany will be held.

9. Fats and Soap for Overseas.

Our financial department initiated negotiations in Ottawa in order to get fats and soap for overseas shipments. Yesterday conversations were held with the Administrator of oils and fats of the W.P. & T.B. in Ottawa. Though the supply situation of soap and fats is even worse now than hitherto, government officials understand the desperate need which exists overseas and wish to help us in obtaining the supplies. We are submitting a written request and we hope to get a fair allocation.

10. Overseas Relief Staff.

The Inner Executive approved in principle the recommendation to appoint a liaison officer with the headquarters in Paris who would permanently represent the Canadian Jewish Congress in Europe. The implementation of the decision will depend upon finding proper personnel; the National Executive Director will look for a suitable person and when satisfied with the choice will present same to the executive.

11. \$2,000,000 Relief Campaign.

In connection with the \$2,000,000 relief campaign a conference of community leaders and welfare fund heads and campaign chairmen may be convened to Montreal and a national special gifts committee may be created with the cooperation of the welfare funds. The Inner Executive approved of the recommendation to have two lay leaders visit Europe, provided that the proper people can go on time and on return be prepared to cover the important communities in Canada.

12. Commission on Human Rights.

The national executive director will attend the meetings of the Commission on Human Rights which start on January 27th.

13. Solon Low's Speech over C.B.C.

As the speech is in spirit very harmful and may violate the terms of the C.B.C. regulations, consideration was given to our filing protests to Mr. C. B. Dunton, President of the C.B.C. It was pointed out that it is difficult to put one's finger on anti-Jewishness as such, though the linking of international communism with international political zionism is vicious and libellous. We have studied the speeches of Alfred Rosenberg and found a similarity between them and those of Low. The Inner Executive decided to draw up a protest to the C.B.C. citing chapter and verse and pointing out similarity to Nazi techniques and to advise editors across the country of the similarity of Social Credit speeches with Nazi speeches of the 1930's.

14. Study of Criminal Law.

Since the events of the 1930's culminating in the war, in the definition of genocide, in the Nuremberg trials, in the doctrines of the United Nations may have taught something to jurists and legislators, it may be opportune to study the criminal law in the light of possible new interpretations. The advice of a prominent Counsel will be sought on remedies or protection under Criminal Code or other legislation against libels in Social Credit papers and in "Le Goglu".

15. S. O. S. Campaign.

Women's groups all over the country will be mobilized to sew layettes and children's clothing. Those groups who will be prepared to do so will be given carte blanche to assemble same and no master plan creating uniformity throughout the country be declared necessary for these projects.